[Mr. J. John Kattakayam.]

റിന്റെ ശേഷം അടുത്ത ബഡ്ജറ്റ് വരുന്നതിനിടക്ക് പലപ്രാവശ്യം സപ്ലിമെന്ററി ഗ്രാന്റ് കൊണ്ടു വരാതിരിക്കുവാൻ അതാതു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെന്റു് മേലധികാരികൾ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ഇൗഡിമാന്റിന് ബഡ്ജറ്റുകാലംവരെ കാത്തിരിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായത്തെ വീണ്ടും ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXXV—INVESTMENTS ON REPRODUCTIVE WORKS.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,28,800 under Demand No. XXXV, Investments on Reproductive Works.

Sir, a grant of Rs. 3 lakhs was made for starting a Rubber Factory. It was expected that the P. W. D. will be able to spend about Rs. 45,000 for the factory building and so the balance of Rs. 2,55,000 alone was provided in this year's budget but as some of the building materials had to be got down from abroad the Public Works Department was not able to utilise the amount during 1109. That sum of Rs. 45,000 is to be met from this year's budget. We had to meet also the following additional expenditure *Viz.*, for the purchase of machinery Rs. 2,20,012 against the budget allotment of Rs. 2,05,000. The excess was due to the exchange rate as when I submitted the scheme the Reich mark was equal to a Rupee.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know when the order was placed with the company for the purchase of the machinery.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai. On the 3rd September 1934.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What was the exchange ratio on the date the Council sanctioned the budget and the ratio on the date the order was placed?

The Council adjourned for lunch at 1-2 P. M, and re-assembled at 2 P. M. Mr. M. Govindan, one of the passed of Chairman, Presiding.

MEMBER SWORN.

When Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai began to take the oath Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai raised the following point of order.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: I rise to a point of order. This is not swearing time, and the agenda does not provide for any member taking his oath now. We have to continue the business where we left it when we adjourned for lunch.

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Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: With the permission of the President, any business may be taken up even though it may not find a place in the agenda.

Chairman: I permit the swearing in now. Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai Director of Public Health, then took his oath and signed the Rolls.

DEMAND XXXV—INVESTMENTS ON REPRODUCTIVE WORKS—(*contd*)

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Sir, I was pointing out to the House that some additional expenditure had to be incurred on account of the change in exchange ratio. When the estimate was sent up to Government for sanction one Reichmark was equal to one rupee; but when we actually placed the order for the machinery its value went up. I may inform the House that there was some delay in placing the order for the machinery. The German Government refused to admit coir goods from Travancore. So, we started negotiations with the German Government; and as a result of that they have agreed to take our coir yarn and coir goods in exchange for the machinery which we have ordered from them for our Rubber Factory. This negotiation naturally took some time; and, as I have already explained, the value of the Reichmark went up during the period. Instead of Rs. 2,05,000 we now have to pay Rs. 2,20,012.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvara Pillai: May I know whether any amount has yet to be paid?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: Small amounts have yet to be paid for some parts of the machinery yet to come.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What would be the total additional expenditure on account of the increase in the exchange ratio?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: About Rs. 31,000.

When the Rubber Expert submitted his scheme, he thought he would be able to complete the buildings within about Rs. 30,000. That was his original estimate. Actually, when detailed estimates were prepared by the Public Works Department the estimates for the buildings went up to Rs. 63,400.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Was not the Public Work Department consulted when the budget was prepared?

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: When submitting his scheme, the Rubber Expert submitted his rough estimates for the various items. Of course, he does not know local conditions. He

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